

HO-922

Simpson Family Farm
11965 Simpson Road, Simpsonville
Howard County, Maryland

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1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic Simpson Family Farm

other

2. Location

street and number 11965 Simpson Road not for publication

city, town Clarksville X vicinity

county Howard

3. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name John & Mary McCoy

street and number 11965 Simpson Road telephone 410-531-3290

city, town Clarksville state MD zip code 21029

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Howard County Courthouse tax map and parcel: 41-198

city, town Ellicott City liber 3643 folio 101

5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- Contributing Resource in National Register District
- Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
- Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
- Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
- Recorded by HABS/HAER
- Historic Structure Report or Research Report
- Other

6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	Contributing Noncontributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	<u> 2 </u> <u> 0 </u> buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	<u> 0 </u> <u> 0 </u> sites
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> domestic	<u> 0 </u> <u> 0 </u> structures
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	<u> 0 </u> <u> 0 </u> objects
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	<u> 2 </u> <u> 0 </u> Total
		<input type="checkbox"/> government	
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	
		<input type="checkbox"/> landscape	
		<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture	
		<input type="checkbox"/> religion	
		<input type="checkbox"/> social	
		<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
		<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	
		<input type="checkbox"/> unknown	
		<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use	
		<input type="checkbox"/> other:	
			Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory
			<u> 0 </u>

7. Description

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Condition

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| <input type="checkbox"/> excellent | <input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good | <input type="checkbox"/> ruins |
| <input type="checkbox"/> fair | <input type="checkbox"/> altered |
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Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

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House-exterior

The house is a two-story, five-bay, by one-bay log and frame structure with a rubble stone foundation that has been parged, weatherboards that have been replaced by the present owners, and a gable roof with asphalt shingles and a northwest-southeast ridge. The house reportedly had standing seam metal roofing, but this was gone when the present owners bought the property. There is a rebuilt interior brick chimney on the northwest gable end, and an exterior brick chimney on the southeast. A modern two-story, two-bay addition has been put on the northwest end. There is a 1 1/2-story addition on the southeast, and it is one bay by two bays. This addition has weatherboards on the northeast elevation and the second story of the southeast elevation, with German siding on the first story of the southeast elevation. It also has a gable roof with asphalt shingles and a northwest-southeast ridge. There is a 1 1/2-story addition on the southwest side of the southeast addition, and it has the same siding as the southeast addition. It has a gable roof with asphalt shingles and a northeast-southwest ridge. The southwest addition is two bays by one bay.

The northeast elevation has a center entrance with double doors that have three panels each. There is an eight-light transom and sidelights with four lights over one panel. All of the panels have sunken fields and ogee panel moulds. The transom bar has a Greek ovolo at the top, and is symmetrical below this with two Greek ogees flanking a center field. The doorway has a beaded-interior-edge mitered frame. There are two small six-over-six sash to the east of the doorway and two larger six-over-six sash to the north of the doorway. All of these windows have beaded-interior-edge mitered frames. There is a three-bay, one-story porch centered on this elevation. It has a hipped roof with asphalt shingles, four turned posts across the front and two half posts against the wall, jig-sawn brackets, and a tongue-and-grooved wood deck that was replaced by the current owners. The porch has bead-board on the soffit and a wood box cornice. The second story has five smaller six-over-six sash with beaded-interior-edge mitered frames. The house has a box cornice covered with aluminum.

The northeast elevation of the southeast addition has a rubble stone foundation, weatherboards that have a half lap on the top board and are face-nailed with cut nails, and a wood box cornice with returns. The first story has a six-over-six sash with a modern frame, and the second story has a small six-over-six sash, also with a modern frame. The southeast elevation of the southwest and southeast additions, from south to east on the first story, has a six-over-six sash with a plain mitered frame; a new door with nine lights over a cross buck; a six-over-six sash with a modern frame; and a new door near the east corner that is a cross buck. There is a one-story, four-bay porch across this elevation. It has a tongue and groove wood deck and beaded-edge-and-center board soffit. There are Doric columns at the corners and two round posts in the center. The porch has a wood box cornice and a hip roof with asphalt shingles. The second story has two six-light casements, and paired six-over-six sash in the gable end of the southeast addition.

The southwest elevation of the southwest addition has German siding and a wood box cornice with returns. The first story has three new six-light casements, and the second story has French doors. The first story of the southwest elevation of the main block is a new addition with a shed roof and weatherboards. The second story has no opening in the center bay. There are four six-over-six sash with beaded-interior-edge mitered frames and shutter hinges. There is a wood box cornice. The northwest elevation is covered by the new addition.

House-interior, first story

The first story has a center-passage single-pile plan with a two-room ell added to the southeast side and a modern addition along

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the southwest and northwest. The center passage has new pine flooring added by the current owner. The front door is a double door with three sunken panels on each leaf, with ogee panel moulds. There is a plain cast-iron rim lock with a porcelain knob, and cast-iron hinges with five knuckles and what appear to be pins. The hinges are heavily painted, but appear to be plain. The side light panels match the door panels. The door, sidelights, and transom are all mortised and tenoned and pinned. There is plain architrave with a beaded interior edge and plain corner blocks. The southeast elevation has new double doors and new architrave and baseboard. The northwest elevation has new architrave, with an old original four-panel door that has a lying panel at the top and bottom. The panels have sunken fields and applied ogee panel moulds. The bottom panel appears to be hand-planed. The door is mortised and tenoned and pinned and has cast-iron butt hinges that have five knuckles and appear to be plain, though they are heavily painted. The door has a mortise lock with porcelain knobs, and this appears to be original, as there is no evidence of another lock. Most of the architrave had been removed when the current owners acquired the property. The northwest wall is exposed log with whitewash and plaster burns that indicate diagonal lath was added later. There is a straight run of stairs on the northwest wall that ascends to the southwest landing, and then turns to the northeast. The stairway has an open stringer that is plain, with only a bead at the bottom. There is a three-quarter-round handrail that appears to be walnut and a large newel post that also appears to be walnut and is urn-shaped at the base. The balusters are rectangular. There is a new door beneath the stairway, leading to a closet covered with drywall. The rear door beneath the stair landing is missing, and the jambs here have new mouldings added to them.

The northwest room is a mortised and tenoned and pegged, heavy-timber frame according to the owners. The northwest room has new pine flooring added by the current owners, and new architrave. The southeast wall is now exposed log with whitewash on the chinking only, and has plaster burns that indicate diagonal lath. The window sash have 10-inch by 12-inch lights, ovolo muntins, and are mortised and tenoned and pinned at the corners and the muntins pinned on the top and bottom rails, but not on the meeting rails. The meeting rails are plain, and there are no parting beads. The fireplace is centered on the northwest elevation, and it has a brick hearth and splayed brick jambs. There is an iron lintel above the opening, and it was parged over when the surround was parged. The wood mantel has pilaster strips consisting of symmetrical architrave that has a quirked ogee-and-bevel on each side. The frieze is the same, with the architrave running lengthwise. The bed mould has a quirked ogee-and-bevel below a large ovolo moulding. The mantel shelf has an ovolo on the edge. On the southwest wall, two windows were converted to doors when the addition was put on the southwest by the owners. The northwest addition is about five years old.

The southeast room walls have been studded out and dry-walled, with new baseboard and architrave. The floor is random-width, tongue-and-grooved, face-nailed boards that range between 7 and 7-1/2 inches, and run northwest-southeast. The wood appears to be chestnut. The flooring was taken up and put back down by the current owners, during restoration. The windows have 8-inch by 10-inch lights, ovolo muntins, plain meeting rails, and no parting beads. The sash are mortised and tenoned and pinned at the corners only. The southwest elevation has a doorway set to the south, with a window to the west. This window is missing its sash and has new jambs with applied mouldings. There is a fireplace on the southeast but the fireplace has been closed off with brick, and the brick hearth has been raised up. The surround is parged, and there is a wood mantel with plain pilaster strips, a plain frieze, a quirked Greek ogee below a Greek ovolo in the bed mould, and a Greek ovolo on the edge of the mantelshelf. The log wall is exposed here now and is whitewashed, and contains lath nails and plaster burns. One foot south of the mantel is a jamb board and the log ends abut it, suggesting that the opening was wider and was in-filled later. When the existing mantel was added, the walls were plastered. There is a doorway to the east of the fireplace that has beaded-interior-edge architrave that is mitered at the corners. There is a four-panel door with sunken fields and no panel moulds. It is mortised and tenoned and pinned at the corners and the lock rail. It has cast-iron butt hinges with five knuckles and a cast-iron rim lock with a mineral knob. There is no label on the lock, but the keyhole has a decorative motif around it. The east-center bay window has solid logs below the windowsill, according to the owners, so this was never a door. There is no indication of whether the log section was one room or two rooms, nor is there an indication of where the original stairway or front door was located. It is possible that the front door was on the southwest side.

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The northeast room in the southeast addition has 2 1/4-inch oak flooring that runs northwest-southeast. The walls have been firred out and have new baseboard, architrave, windows, and a new door on the southeast. The northwest wall has a fireplace in the center with a rebuilt brick hearth. The fireplace has been built out for a stove. The wood mantel was taken off and boxed out, then reinstalled, when the stove was added because the fireplace had to be built out. This mantel has plain pilaster strips, a plain frieze, and a bed mould with a cavetto below an ovolo below a bevel mould. The mantelshelf is plain. To the southeast of the fireplace is an enclosed winder stair with a beaded-edge vertical-board door hung on cast-iron butt hinges that have five knuckles and are heavily painted. The door has a cast-iron Suffolk latch. There is a new board wall on the southwest inside the stairs, an exposed log on the northwest. The logs are whitewashed and have V-notch corners. There is a new door to a closet beneath the stairway, and a new door on the southwest elevation that leads to the modern kitchen.

The southwest room in the southeast addition is a modern kitchen with one step down to a tile floor on concrete. The room has been completely modernized, and according to the owner has two-story studs with a ledger board to support the second-story joists. At the north corner of this room is a new laundry room, and inside the laundry room are exposed logs of the southwest wall. These logs have no whitewash, and have V-notch corners. There is a hewn corner post for the southeast addition that appears to be for the northeast end of the addition. Thus, it appears from this evidence that the southeast addition was in two stages, with the northeast half being first and the southwest half later. This corner post has sawn lath with plaster on the northeast side. The southwest room had a chimney for a stove.

House-interior, second story

The second story has a similar plan to the first story. The passage has 4 1/2- to 6-inch-wide pine flooring. The baseboard is all new. There are exposed logs on the northeast, northwest and southwest walls. The logs are whitewashed, and then had vertical lath on the northeast and diagonal lath on the other two walls. The north corner appears to have V-notch corners. The attic floor joists are exposed and are hewn. They run northeast-southwest, are 2-1/2 to 3-1/3 inches by 6 inches, and are spaced 19- to 28 1/2-inches on centers. The joists are set between the logs of the front and rear walls, and neither the logs nor the joists are notched. The attic flooring is circular-sawn. The stairway ends at the second story and has the same details as the first story. There is no evidence that it could have gone up to the attic, as no joists are cut. The northeast window logs have a diagonal cut in the log that is at the top of the window. This feature could indicate that the window opening was cut through after the logs were laid up. A wide saw blade would have to cut at an angle to begin with, until there was enough space for the wide blade to sit upright between the logs. The northeast window has top and bottom sash that are made differently from the other second-story sash. The bottom sash muntins are not cut through on the meeting rail. Both have 8-inch by 10-inch lights. The northwest door has new trim and new hinges, but the door has four panels with sunken fields and ogee panel moulds. The door is mortised and tenoned and pinned, and the lock rail is hand-planed. There is a cast-iron rim lock with a mineral knob. The southeast wall has been pushed back to get two doors in this wall and divide the southeast chamber into two rooms. The door to the east is old, and has four panels with lying panels at the top and bottom. The panels have sunken fields and no panel moulds, and the door is mortised and tenoned and pinned. There are new hinges and a cast-iron rim lock with a metal knob.

The northwest chamber has 4 1/2- to 5 1/2-inch pine flooring that runs northwest-southeast. The logs are exposed on the southeast and have whitewash on the chinking only. Diagonal lath was added later, and there are marks from it on the chinking whitewash. All of the lath has now been removed. The joists above are exposed and run northeast-southwest. They are hewn and several are round on one side, as if the log was split in half. The joists had been lathed and plastered once. The joists are 3 to 5 inches wide by 6 inches deep. The window sash are mortised, tenoned and pinned at the corners, and the muntins are pinned to the top and bottom rails, but apparently not at the meeting rails. The tenons have wedges in the center of them. The sash have no parting beads and have plain rails. They have ovolo muntins and 8-inch by 10-inch lights. A fireplace or chimney has been walled over on the northwest elevation, and there are closets to each side. The west closet has been converted to a doorway leading to the modern addition. The closets have two-panel doors with tall, narrow panels that have sunken fields and no panel moulds on the inner side. The doors are mortised and tenoned and pinned, and have plain cast-iron butt hinges with five knuckles and what appears to be fast

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joints. The exposed face of the doors has applied ovolo panel moulds. There is new architrave around the doors.

In the southeast chamber, the northeast elevation sash that is set to the north has 8-inch by 10-inch lights and ovolo muntins that are not cut through the meeting rail and are not pinned. The only pins visible are in the top rail. The sash have no parting beads and have plain meeting rails. The northeast elevation sash that is set to the east have ovolo muntins that are cut through and are wedged in the meeting rail. The muntins are pegged to the top and bottom rails. The sash on the southwest elevation match the latter in construction details. The southeast addition chamber have wide, random-width flooring and finished walls and ceiling that follow the rafters and collar beams. There are new sash. There is a winder stair in the west corner that has new treads and a board wall that was partially removed, along with the center post. The northwest door has beaded-edge vertical boards that are hand-planed, and is hung on plain cast-iron butt hinges with five knuckles. There is a door on the southwest that leads to the chamber over the kitchen ell. This door has four panels with sunken double fields and ogee panel moulds. It is hung on butt hinges with ball finials and has a plain cast-iron rim lock with porcelain knobs. There is plain head-cut trim that has rounded edges. There are two steps down into the kitchen ell chamber, which has new windows, doors, and drywall that follows the rafters and collar beam.

House-interior, attic

In the attic, the southeast end rafters are hewn, though one side of most of them is still in the round. They are 2 to 2-3/4 inches wide by 3-3/4 inches deep at the ridge, and they taper to 4-1/2 inches wide at the foot. The rafters are half-lapped and pegged at the ridge, and support board sheathing. They are spaced 24-1/2 to 26-1/2 inches on centers. The rafter feet have a bird's-mouth cut that laps over a false plate. The northwest attic end rafters are a mix of sash-sawn and riven rafters. They are 3-1/2 inches deep at the foot and taper to 2-3/4 to 3 inches deep at the ridge, and are 2-3/4 inches wide. The rafters are spaced 24 to 25 inches on centers, and fastened with cut nails. They support circular-sawn board sheathing. There are two four-light sash on the southwest gable end, and they are pinned at the corners. The chimney corbels out on both the front and back. The rafter feet are not visible at this end.

Smokehouse

There is a smokehouse located about 20 feet south of the house. It is a one-story, one-bay by one-bay exposed log structure with V-notch corners, and some of the logs are very rotted. It has a gable roof with wood shingles and a northwest-southeast ridge. The chinking has been redone with concrete. The gable ends have weatherboards. The northeast elevation has a new weatherboard door in an original opening that has been widened with a new jamb board on the east side. The north jamb board is pegged to the log ends. The rafter ends are exposed. There are no other openings in the building. The interior has two log joists running northeast-southwest. The rafters are approximately 3 inches by 4 inches and appear to be mitered at the ridge. They appear to be sawn and support shingle lath.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime industry	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

Specific dates	n/a	Architect/Builder	n/a
Construction dates	c. 1810, c.1848		

Evaluation for:

National Register Maryland Register not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance reports, complete evaluation on a DOE Form - see manual.)

The Simpson Family Farm has been traced back to William Simpson (2), who was born around 1767 to William Simpson (1) and Elizabeth (Duvall) Ridgely. Elizabeth was the widow of William Ridgely, who owned the large tract of land "White Wine and Claret" in the vicinity of this farm. William (2) apparently purchased this farm c. 1790, though the deed has not yet been located. In 1798 he was assessed for 219 acres, with a one-story wood dwelling, 20 feet by 16, and four outbuildings, 18 by 16, 12 by 10, 9 by 9, and 30 by 14. He also owned one slave. The log section of the existing house measures roughly 25 feet by 16, a little long to be the same building in the tax list. William (2) married Mary Wilson in 1800 and had six children before he died intestate in 1827. The farm apparently passed to his oldest son, William (3), though a deed for this transaction could not be located. The passage of the property from one to another William Simpson also makes it difficult to track its history. (1)

In 1844 a William Simpson (probably the 3rd) added 51 acres of land to his holdings, and four years later he was assessed for a new house, valued at \$300. This could be an addition to the existing house, though evidence seen below suggests it was a new house elsewhere. The Simpson Family Farm house was originally a three-bay log structure that was probably divided into two rooms, one of them unheated and the other with a large fireplace that could have been used for cooking. With the addition, which was apparently built with a heavy timber frame, the house was converted to a center-passage plan with a parlor to one side and a dining room to the other. The stairway and the mantels are consistent with a construction date in the 1840s, so the tax assessments could be referring to this addition. At a later date the house was expanded first with a room on the southeast and finally with one on the southwest side of this last addition. The porch, or at least the details on it, probably dates to the late-nineteenth or even the early-twentieth centuries. The current owners have put additions on the northwest and southwest. (2)

William Simpson, Sr. (3rd?) sold the 100-acre farm to his son, William Simpson, Jr. (4th?) in 1850, and held a note against his son for \$600 due 1 January 1851. The father was only 49 at the time, and was either quitting farming early, or had moved to another tract that he owned. The census and agricultural census together suggest that the latter was the case. William, Sr., had 200 acres, 160 under cultivation, with three horses, four milch cows, and five other cattle, plus 13 hogs. He was raising wheat, corn, oats, tobacco, potatoes, buckwheat, and hay. He had real estate valued at \$2500 and his son, William, had real estate valued at \$600. His son was 26, but he died in 1853 without having paid any of the money he owed his father. He left the farm to his brother, Oliver, who himself died only a few days later. William, Jr.'s, will specified: "I also desire my brother Oliver W. Simpson to have a lot of plank now on said farm as also a lot of plank at saw mill . . ." It then directed that another brother, Richard G. Simpson, be paid \$40 "for the enclosure of his frame dwelling." It is possible, though clearly not certain, that these instructions refer to improvements being made to William, Jr.'s house in 1853. While the details noted above are consistent with the 1840s, they could also date to c. 1853. The farm was sold in 1857, but no newspapers survive with the advertisement that would describe it. (3)

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Another of William's brothers, James Simpson, bought the farm for \$1000. James had 85 acres under cultivation, with none of it in tobacco. His crops included wheat, corn, oats, potatoes, and hay, and his livestock consisted of four horses, four milch cows, two other cattle, and 48 hogs. Ten years later he had reduced the number of his hogs and increased his milch cows, and by 1880 seems to have completely gotten rid of his hogs. With the increase in milch cows in 1870 came a corresponding rise in butter production, which dropped again in 1880. In that year James made 160 gallons of wine. He apparently changed his focus on the farm either in response to changing markets, or in anticipation of their change. James was assessed for a new barn worth \$800 in 1870 and a 215-acre farm in the 1876-86 period, but he shortly ran into financial trouble and was foreclosed upon. The Simpson Family Farm was advertised for sale in 1890, and was described simply as having "a good frame dwelling, large barn and other outbuildings . . ." An aerial photograph of the farm from the third quarter of the twentieth century shows a large frame bank barn that is probably the building James added c. 1870, as well as a corn crib with wagon sheds flanking both sides. The farm was purchased by James' son, William Simpson, for \$3660. He was assessed for a new dwelling in 1905, valued at \$350, which was probably the last addition on the rear. (4)

The farm remained in the Simpson family until 1984, when it was subdivided and the house was scheduled to be demolished. The present owners purchased the property and saved and renovated the house. The farm outbuildings were left on another tract and were demolished a few years ago.

Notes:

- (1). Simpson Family Genealogy, typescript, pp. 1-3, partial copy in possession of owner of house. Federal Direct Tax, 1798, Index for Anne Arundel County at Maryland State Archives.
- (2). Howard County Commissioners, Transfer Book, 1841-51, Maryland State Archives.
- (3). U. S. Bureau of the Census, Howard District, Anne Arundel County, Maryland, 1850, Maryland State Archives. U. S. Bureau of the Census, Agricultural Census, Howard District, Anne Arundel County, Maryland, 1850, Maryland State Archives. Howard County Circuit Court, Equity 53?, William Simpson, Sr. v Richard G. Simpson et al., Maryland State Archives.
- (4). U. S. Bureau of the Census, Agricultural Census, District 5, Howard County, Maryland, 1860, 1870, 1880, Maryland State Archives. Howard County Commissioners, Transfer Book, 1870, Maryland State Archives. Howard County Circuit Court, Equity Equity 1026, James MacKubin v James Simpson & wife Annie E., Maryland State Archives. Sun, 10 March 1890, Supplement, p. 1, col. 6. Photograph in the possession of the owners.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property 6 A
Acreage of historical setting 100 A
Quadrangle name Clarksville Quadrangle scale 1:24000

Verbal boundary description and justification

The boundary is the property lines.

11. Form Prepared By

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street and number	3430 Courthouse Drive	telephone	410-313-4335
city or town	Ellicott City	state	MD zip code 21043

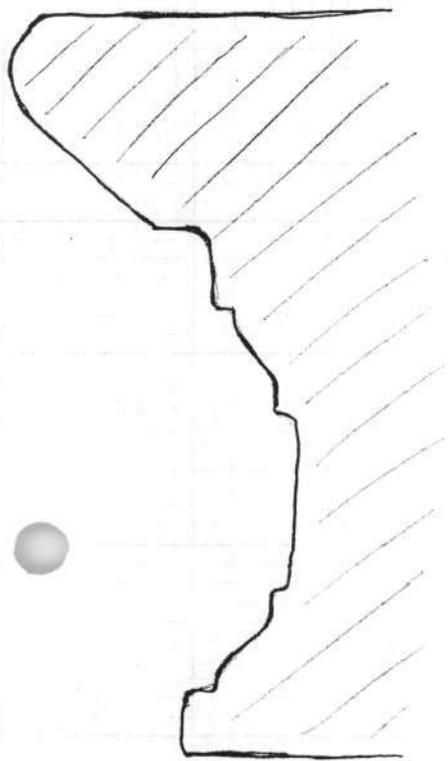
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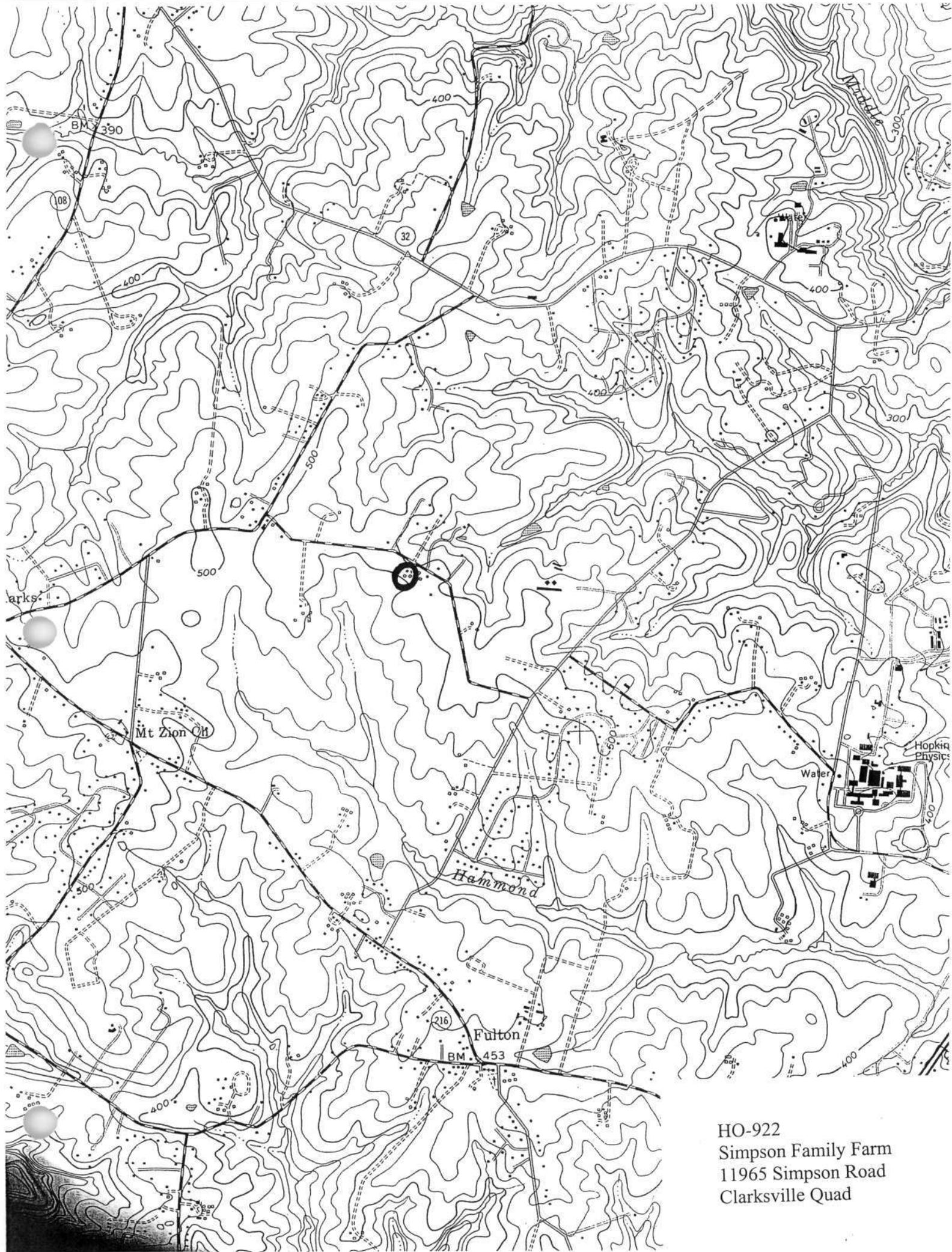
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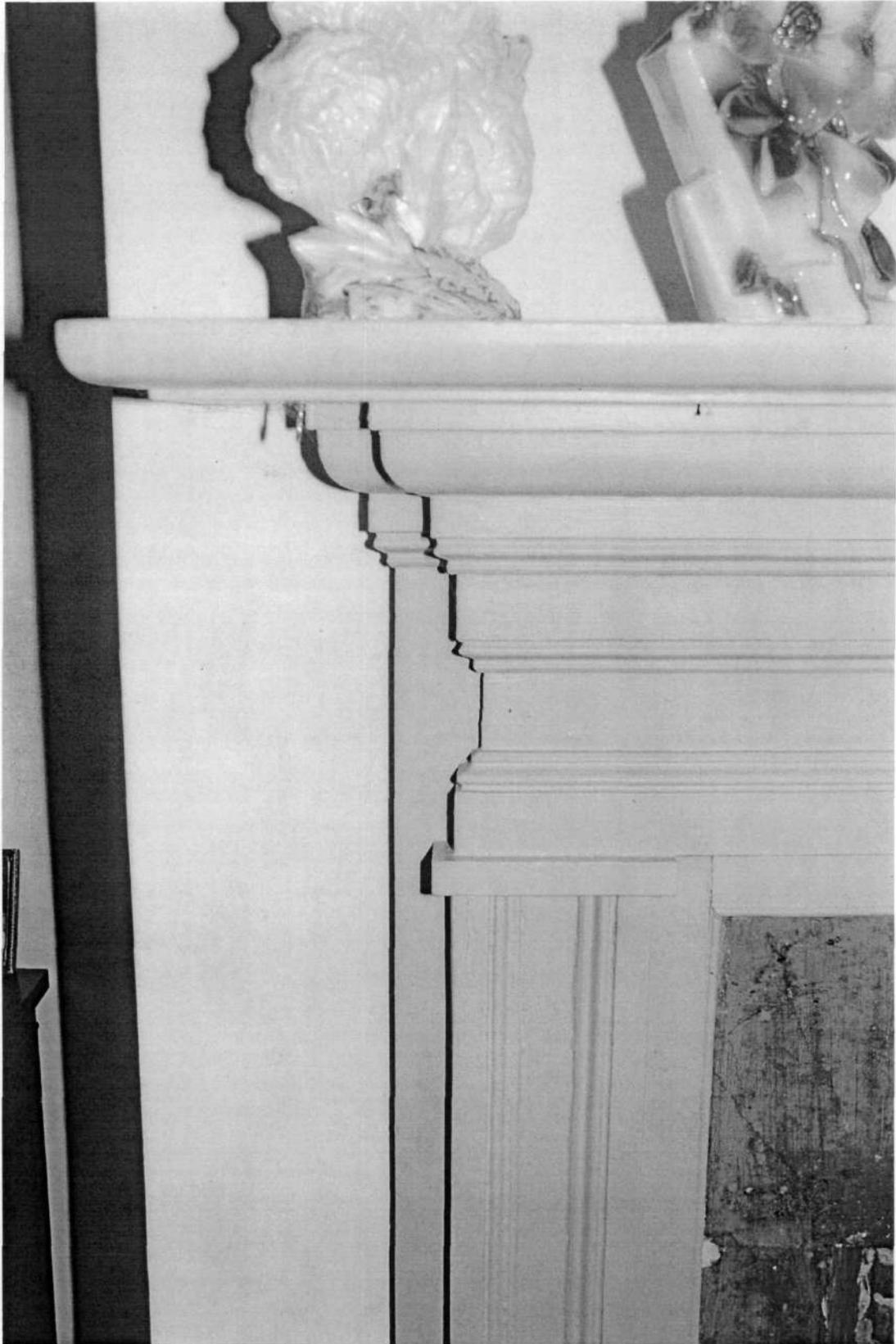
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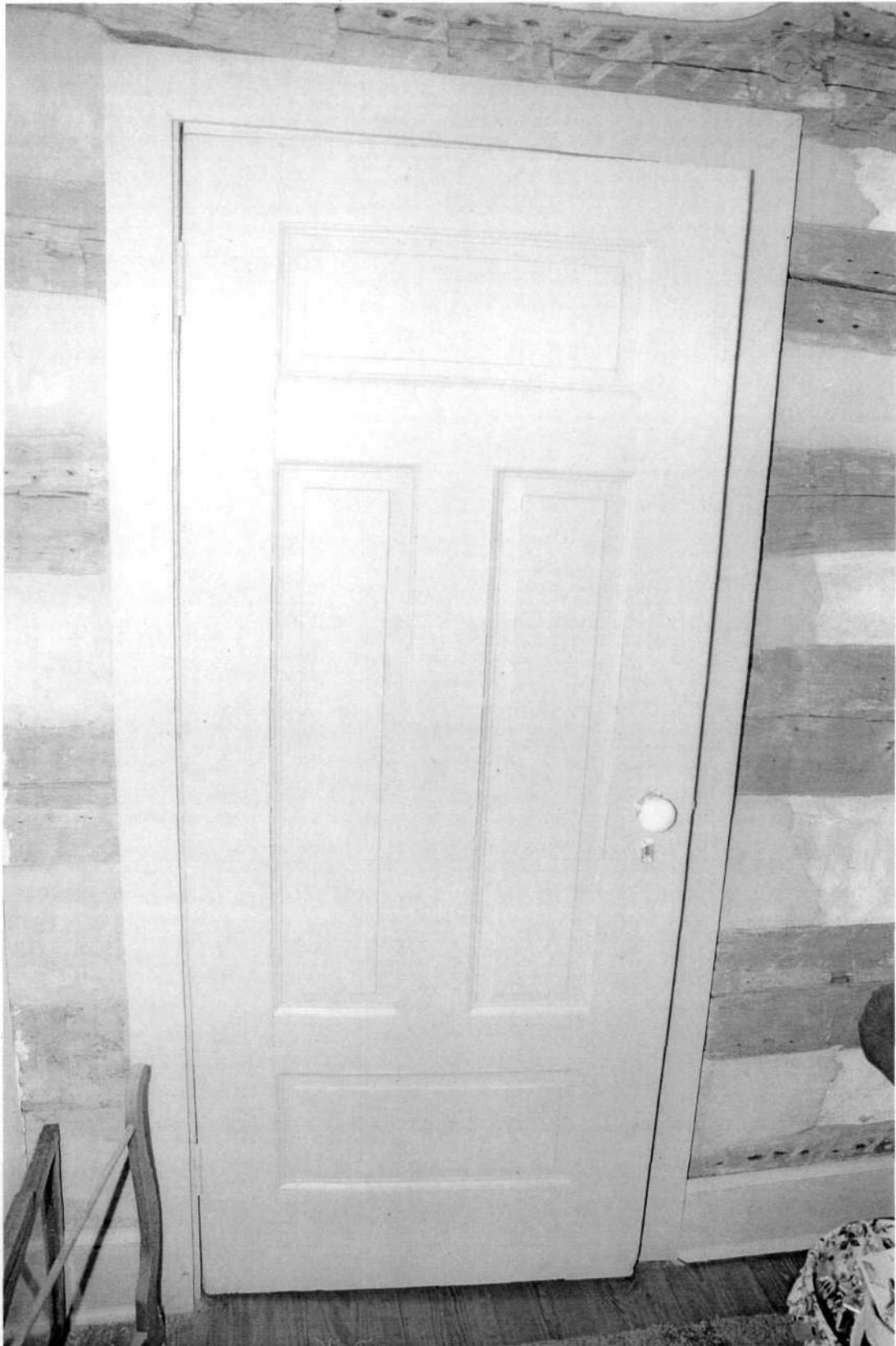
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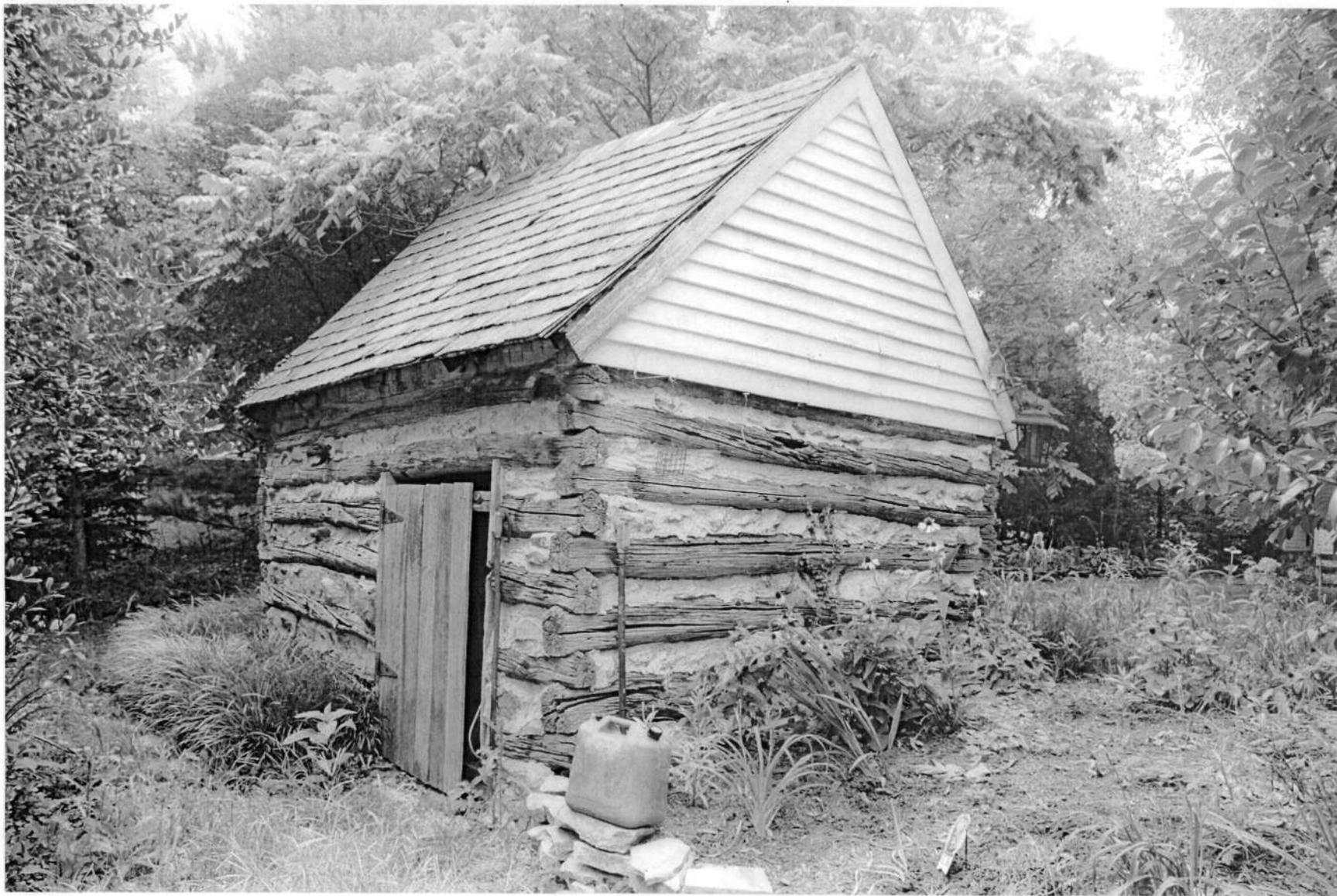
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